

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, this listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A budgetary management method, comprising:
responsive to a new transaction that includes a revenue item, executing a RIB rule to determine an increase to expenditure budget generated therefrom, and
storing the budget increase in an identified node of an expenditure budget data structure, and
storing the budget increase in an identified node of a revenue budget data structure such that values in the expenditure budget data structure balance with values in the revenue budget data structure.
2. (Original) The budgetary management method of claim 1, wherein revenue budget increases are stored with a marking that they are to be excluded from RIB calculations for expenditure budget items.
3. (Original) The budgetary management method of claim 1, further comprising comparing the expenditure budget data structure and the revenue budget data structure to determine if values therein are in balance.
4. (Currently Amended) A reporting method for a budgetary control system, comprising:
storing revenue budget items in a database, each item including a marker to indicate whether the revenue budget item was generated according to a RIB rule;
storing expenditure budget items in a database, so that the revenue budget items balance with the expenditure budget items;
responsive to a report template, retrieving expenditure budget values and revenue budget values from storage, and
generating a report that compares the expenditure budget values and the revenue budget values,

wherein the report template indicates whether values from revenue budget items generated according to RIB rules are to be included in the report.

5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently Amended) A budgetary management system, comprising:
a RIB rule processing system that, responsive to a revenue item, generates a budget item representing an increase to an expenditure budget,
an expenditure budget database to store the budget item, and
a revenue budget database to store the budget item,
wherein the RIB rule processing system is configured to maintain a balance between the expenditure budget database and the revenue budget database.
7. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6, wherein the expenditure budget database stores the budget item in a location identified by a RIB rule.
8. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6, wherein the revenue budget database stores the budget item in a location identified by a RIB rule.
9. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6, wherein the revenue budget database comprises at least two components: a first component to store planned revenue budget values and a second component to store budget increases generated from RIB rules.
10. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 6 further comprising a report manager, responsive to a report definition, to generate a report from identified revenue budget items in the revenue budget database.
11. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 10, wherein the report definition indicates that only planned revenue budget values are to be included in a report.
12. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 10, wherein the report definition indicates that only RIB budget increases are to be included in a report.
13. (Original) The budgetary management system of claim 10, wherein the report definition indicates that planned revenue budget values and RIB budget increases are to be included in a report.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising software stored thereon that, when executed, causes a processing system to:

execute, in response to a new transaction that includes a revenue item, a RIB rule to determine an increase to expenditure budget generated therefrom,

store the budget increase in an identified node of an expenditure budget data structure, and

store the budget increase in an identified node of a revenue budget data structure such that the values in the expenditure budget data structure balance with the values in the revenue budget data structure.

15. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein revenue budget increases are stored with a marking that they are to be excluded from RIB calculations for expenditure budget items.

16. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising comparing the expenditure budget data structure and the revenue budget data structure to determine if values therein are in balance.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising software stored thereon that, when executed, causes a processing system to:

storing revenue budget items in a database, each item including a marker to indicate whether the revenue budget item was generated according to a RIB rule;

storing expenditure budget items in a database, so that the revenue budget items balance with the expenditure budget items;

retrieving, in response to a report template, expenditure budget values and revenue budget values from storage, and

generating ~~generate~~ a report that compares the expenditure budget values and the revenue budget values,

wherein the report template indicates whether values from revenue budget items generated according to RIB rules are to be included in the report.

18. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the software further causes the processing system to store revenue budget items in a database, each item including a marker to indicate whether the revenue budget item was generated according to a RIB rule.

19. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising software thereon that, when executed, causes the processing system to:

compare the expenditure budget values and the revenue budget values to determine if values therein are in balance.

20. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising software thereon that, when executed, causes the processing system to:

compare the expenditure budget data structure and the revenue budget data structure to determine if values therein are in balance.